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Re: Our File: SUNDS 3.3-148  
Appln. No. 10/541,478  
Filing Date: July 6, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 1742

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copies of the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 and Transmittal Letter for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the "*Date of Completion of all 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements*" should read --07/06/2005--, not "07/14/2005."

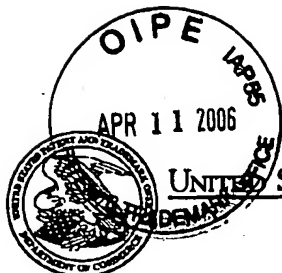
Kindly issue a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application for the above-identified application as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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### NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

07/06/2005

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and  
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

07/14/2005

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371  
 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/06/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/06/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/06/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/06/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/06/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 07/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/06/2005
- Substitute Specification filed on 07/06/2005
- Assignment filed on 07/06/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/06/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 07/06/2005

- Specification filed on 07/06/2005
- Claims filed on 07/06/2005
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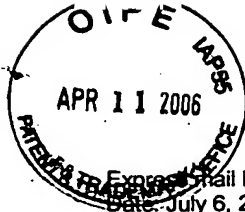
Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)



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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>SUNDS 3.3-148</b>
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/SE2003/001928	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 December 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 January 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION     REFINING ELEMENT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US     Nils Virving		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li><li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li><li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li></ol></li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li><li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li><li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li></ol>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. w/SB-08, 1 reference</li><li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li><li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li><li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li><li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li><li>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Substitute Abstract, Marked-up Specification, One (1) Sheet Formal Drawing, Return Receipt Postcard</li></ol>		

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee ..... \$300				\$ 300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee					
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100					
All other situations ..... \$200				\$ 200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100					
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400				\$ 400.00	
All other situations ..... \$500					
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$ 900.00	
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Total claims	6 - 20 =		x	\$ 0.00	
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			+	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				+	\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 900.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$ 900.00	
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
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